

REMARKS

Claims 1-35, 39-41 and 43-48 are pending. Claims 36-38, 42 and 49-50 were previously withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. In the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, the Examiner made a second restriction requirement. In response, Applicants elect Group II without traverse, which includes claims 14-29 and 45-48. Applicants have accordingly withdrawn the claims from Group I.

In light of this election and the remarks made in the previous response filed on January 16, 2004, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to this effect. The Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, Brian Harris, at his direct dial number (312-913-3303) if any questions arise or he may be of assistance to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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